

What is the Indiana Master Naturalist Program?

The Master Naturalist Program is one way that natural resource education puts knowledge to work and helps people grow throughout Indiana. The Master Naturalist Program helps nature lovers grow by providing them with intensive training in natural resource principles. Participants, in turn, share their knowledge by providing volunteer leadership and service to their communities.

Certification:

Candidates will complete fourteen class sessions, plus a final exam. They will be expected to then complete 40 hours of volunteer service to receive an Indiana Master Naturalist Certificate, Pin and Member Newsletter.

Questions? You can contact:

Lake County Parks-Gibson Woods
at 219-844-3188

Purdue Extension- Porter County
at 219-465-3555 Ext. 26

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An opportunity to obtain training in natural resource principles so participants may share this knowledge by providing volunteer leadership and service to their communities.

**September 16 - April 28th,
2006-2007**

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**Purdue Extension—Porter County
and
Taltree Arboretum and Gardens**

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Fee: A \$100.00 fee for each applicant should be enclosed. Please make checks payable to **Lake County Parks-Gibson Woods**. This fee will cover the cost of the course, classroom materials, and program maintenance. There is an additional fee of \$25.00 for the geology bus tour. **Class size is limited to 40 people, first-come first-served by date of payment. Advance registration is required by September 1, 2006.**

Mail to: % Indiana Master Naturalist Program, Lake County Parks and Recreation Department, 8411 East Lincoln Highway, Crown Point, IN 46307

Special Needs:

Please specify any aids or services needed due to a disability _____

Training Sessions (All sessions 9 to Noon CST):

September 16 (Gibson Woods)– Orientation-Joy Bower, Gibson Woods Naturalist, Basic Botany and Native & Invasive Plants - Naida Lehmann, PhD, Botanist
September 30 (Gibson Woods) - Mycology (Fungi)- Patrick Leacock, Chicago Field Museum

October 7—(East Chicago Wastewater Treatment Plant) Water Quality—Peter Baranyu

October 21-Wilderness Survival, Dan Popiela, Gibson Woods Naturalist

November 4— (Buckley Homestead Conway Observatory)Astronomy 7-10 PM, Calumet Astronomical Society

November 18 (Gibson Woods) - Ichthology/Fish Biology—Lake Michigan Fisheries

December– No training scheduled.

January 13 (Gibson Woods) - Native American History—State Archaeologist, Dr. Rick Jones

January 27 (Taltree Arboretum and Gardens) - Forestry/Winter Twig Identification—Jim Hitz, Director Taltree Arboretum

February 10 (Taltree Arboretum and Gardens) - Mammals/Urban Wildlife—Brian MacGowen, Purdue University Extension Wildlife Specialist

February 24 (Gibson Woods) - Entomology—Mike Mycroft, Lead Naturalist Indiana Dunes State Park and Todd Hutson, Purdue Extension-Porter County

March 10— (Kickoff from Gibson Woods) - Geology- Holly Hubell, Geologist

March 24- (Gibson Woods) - Herpetology- Alan Resetar, Chicago Field Museum

April 14 (Taltree Arboretum and Gardens) - Introduction to birds and birding Laurie Eberhardt - Associate Professor – Valparaiso University

April 28 (Kankakee Sands) - Field Trip and Picnic—Chip O’Leary, Project Manager